

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at p. 11, lines 24-25 with the following amended paragraph:

Thus the following nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:7) is present in the gene coding for the EFb protein:

Please replace the paragraph at p. 12, lines 1-2 with the following amended paragraph:

whereby this nucleotide sequence encodes for the following protein (SEQ ID NO:8) starting at nucleotide 243: (In Fig. 8 nucleotides 156-242 encode a signed peptide.)